AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below. The language being added is underlined ("___") and the language being deleted contains strikethrough ("—"):

1. (Currently Amended) A towing device for motor vehicles, comprising:

an elongated element having a length, a cross section, a first end portion and a second end portion,

the cross section of said elongated element at least along a part of the length of said elongated element being designed to be hollow~~,~~; and

the first end portion including a threaded portion ~~being designed~~ to be connected to a motor vehicle; and

a lug, said lug being connected to the second end portion of said elongated element.

2. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, wherein said lug is made of a bent wire portion having two ends, the ends of said bent wire portion being fixedly connected the second end portion of said elongated element.

3. (Original) The towing device of claim 2, wherein the ends of said bent wire portion are fixedly connected to said elongated element by a welding connection.

4. (Currently Amended) The towing device of claim 1, ~~wherein said elongated element at its first end portion includes a threaded portion, and~~ wherein said elongated element at its second end portion is designed to include a cup.

5. (Currently Amended) The towing device of claim 2, ~~wherein said elongated element at its first end portion includes a threaded portion, and~~ wherein said elongated element at its second end portion is designed to include a cup.

6. (Currently Amended) The towing device of claim 3, ~~wherein said elongated element at its first end portion includes a threaded portion, and~~ wherein said elongated element at its second end portion is designed to include a cup.

7. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, wherein said hollow cross section of said elongated element is designed to be annular.

8. (Original) The towing device of claim 2, wherein said hollow cross section of said elongated element is designed to be annular.

9. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, further comprising a bolt, said bolt being fixedly connected to the first end portion of said elongated element and including a threaded portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The towing device of claim 2, further comprising a bolt, said bolt being fixedly connected the first end portion of said elongated element and including a threaded portion to be connected to a motor vehicle.

11. (Original) The towing device of claim 9, wherein said bolt and said elongated element are interconnected by a welding connection.

12. (Original) The towing device of claim 10, wherein said bolt and said elongated element are interconnected by a welding connection.

13. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, wherein said elongated element is made of a tube section.

14. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, wherein said elongated element at both end portions includes a cup.

15. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, wherein said elongated element is made of a section of a hollow profile tube having a cross section which is stiff to bending.

16. (Original) The towing device of claim 1, wherein said elongated element at its first end portion includes a first cup and a second cup.

17. (Currently Amended) A towing device, comprising:

a rod element having a length, a cross section, a first end portion and a second end portion ~~and an end portion~~,

the cross section of said rod element at least along a substantial part of the length of said rod element being designed to be hollow; and

the first end portion including a threaded portion to be operatively connected to a motor vehicle; and

a lug being connected to the second end portion of said rod element.

18. (Original) The towing device of claim 17, wherein the hollow cross section of said rod element is formed by a cup extending from the end portion of said rod element towards the inside of said rod element in an axial direction.

19. (Original) The towing device of claim 18, wherein said cup is filled with plastic foam.

20. (Original) The towing device of claim 19, wherein said plastic foam is polyurethane foam having corrosion preventing properties.